

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as provided below.

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A conjugate comprising:
 - (a) a first region comprising the homeodomain of antennapedia ~~or a functional variant thereof~~; and
 - (b) a second region not naturally associated with the first region;
wherein the second region comprises a protein of at least 100 amino acids, and wherein at least the first region is non-denatured.
2. (Withdrawn) The conjugate according to claim 1, wherein the first and second regions are associated via a disulfide bond.
3. (Withdrawn) The conjugate according to claim 2, wherein the second region comprises an NOI.
4. (Original) The conjugate according to claim 1, in the form of a fusion protein.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Original) The conjugate according to claim 5, wherein the second region is a functional or regulatory protein.
7. (Withdrawn) The conjugate according to claim 5, wherein the second region is an antigen.

8. (Withdrawn) The conjugate according to claim 5, wherein the second region is a DNA binding domain.
9. (Withdrawn) The conjugate according to claim 8, wherein the second region further comprises an NOI.
10. (Withdrawn) The conjugate according to claim 8, wherein the second region is a histone protein.
11. (Withdrawn) The conjugate according to claim 1, wherein the second region comprises an NOI.
12. (Withdrawn) The conjugate according to claim 1, for use in an expression system.
13. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the conjugate of claim 1, in combination with a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.
14. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13, in the form of a vaccine.
15. (Original) A conjugate prepared by a method comprising the steps:
 - (i) culturing a host cell transformed with an expression vector comprising a nucleic acid encoding a conjugate according to claim 1 under conditions which provide for the expression of the conjugate within the host cell; and
 - (ii) recovering the conjugate by affinity purification under non-denaturing conditions.
16. (Original) The conjugate prepared according to claim 15, wherein the conjugate comprises an amino acid tail that binds to an immobilised substrate.